

ORDINANCE NO.: 2000-052

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 1, General Provisions, Sec. 1-5, General penalty; continuing violations*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 26th day of July, 2000, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 1, General Provisions, Sec. 1-5, General penalty; continuing violations, is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 1-5      General penalty; continuing violations.**

(a) Wherever in the code, or in any ordinance or resolution of the city, or rule or regulation or order promulgated by any officer or agency of the city under authority duly vested in him or it, any act is prohibited or is declared to be unlawful or an offense or misdemeanor, or the doing of any act is required, or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful or an offense or misdemeanor, and no specific penalty is provided for the violation thereof, the violation of any such provision of the code or any such ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or order shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.

(b) Except as may otherwise be provided, each day any violation of the code or any such ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or order shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

(c) Any person or entity who violates any provision of the code or any code adopted pursuant to this code, excluding any provision regulating the use of motor vehicles on public roads, may be issued a uniform ordinance summons in a form prescribed by South Carolina Code Ann. §56-7-80. Issuance of the uniform ordinance summons shall vest jurisdiction in the municipal court to hear and dispose of the charge for which the uniform ordinance summons was issued and served. The uniform ordinance summons may be issued by any city law enforcement officer or any other city official or employee designated by the City Manager as a code enforcement officer. The amount of the bond prescribed by the municipal judge for the offense and the procedure for posting the bond shall be noted on the uniform ordinance summons. City law enforcement officers or code enforcement officers are prohibited from accepting bonds. The uniform ordinance summons shall not be used to perform a custodial arrest. The uniform ordinance summons shall contain a notice that failure to appear before the court without having posted bond or without having been granted a continuance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500.00 or imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

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This ordinance is effective as of final reading.

Requested by:

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MAYOR

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Introduced: 7/19/2000

Final Reading: 7/26/2000

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